

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – AREA BOARD 2
MEETING MINUTES for MAY 12-13, 2011
Oxford Suites, Chico

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Anderson (5/12/11)
Marie Blair
Stephen Concklin
Rosie Johansen
Verdine Mertens
Colleen Ryberg
Leroy Shipp
Larry Stevens
Mike Yalow

STAFF PRESENT

Robin keehn, AB2 Ex. Director
Sarah May, AB2 CPS II

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Larson, FNRC Ex. Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jean Phillips
Steven Sharpe

1. CALL TO ORDER – May 12, 2011 – 1:03p.m. - Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

- A. Introduction** All introduced themselves.
- B. Announcements** Sarah reviewed Board member paperwork for signatures requirements.
- C. Public Input** None.

2. ACTION ITMES – Leroy Shipp, *Chair

- *A.** Approval of May, 2011 Agenda -
MOTION – That the agenda be approved as written.
M/S/C – M. Yalow/V. Mertens/ Passed Unanimously
- *B.** Approval of April 7-8, 2011 Minutes -
MOTION – That the minutes be approved as written.
M/S/C – V. Mertens/M. Blair/Passed Unanimously

3. CORRESPONDENCE – Colleen Ryberg, *Secretary*

No correspondence to report

4. COUNTY UPDATES – EMERGING ISSUES/NEEDS/RESOURCES – *All Members*

Butte County– *Leroy Shipp* reported he's been active in Sacramento with the SCDD where many people are working behind the scenes to prevent budget cuts. He has continued involvement and support of Special Olympics locally.

Glenn County– *Mike Yalow* reported the Rusty Wagon project in Orland and the hard work by all involved to get it open soon. The BEC found a web designer who will help market the Rusty Wagon. Glenn County will be starting a Farmer's Market and plan to create work opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. There may be other employment opportunities through a collaborative project between RCD, Public Works and California Conservation Corp.

Plumas County – *Debbie Anderson* reported Plumas Rural Services' ALIVE Program has many new faces and activities. She shared the positive impact the film "*Strong Love*" had on

her daughter, Stephanie. Horses Unlimited Program will be starting up again soon in Quincy.

Shasta County – *Rosie Johansen* reported the SAY Team will be presenting a breakout session at the June 2011 California People First of California Conference in Sacramento.

Siskiyou County – *Stephen Concklin* reported on the services and products offered through Siskiyou County Opportunity Center including: shredding services, recycling services, and selling kindling wood. He met with the DSPS Director of College of the Siskiyous was provided information on their program services and learned about an Adult Transition class is held on campus. Stephen plans on meeting the teacher and learning more about the program.

Tehama County – *Verdine Mertens* reported on TCCC projects including the: successful Emergency Preparedness Fair which included Theater in the Now's "Ready or Not" play, and upcoming Tri-County Coordinating Council meeting in Red Bluff and Circle of Champions Award Luncheon. Verdine also reported on Jr. Olympics and the amazing number of athletes and community volunteers.

Robin expressed gratitude towards the good work of our Board Members in their local communities!

5. CHAIR REPORT – Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

A. SCDD Board Updates Leroy reported his SCDD activities and the responsibilities of his position as SCDD Chairperson. He also reported that SCDD and local Area Boards are working extremely hard.

B. Other Leroy reported and discussed DDS' Budget Proposals.

6. BOARD OFFICER ELECTION UPDATE – Verdine Mertens, *Nomination Committee Chair*

Verdine reported that she, Colleen, and Rosie worked as a committee to contact all Board members to inquire their interest in Board Officer Positions. Verdine presented the Slate of Officers for formal ballot in June, 2011: Chair – Verdine Mertens; 1st Vice-Chair – Steven Sharpe; 2nd Vice-Chair - Colleen Ryberg; Secretary – Stephen Concklin. Board discussed succession planning and the Chair position eligibility criteria. Mike, Leroy and Larry advocated for Steven Sharpe to be included for Chair candidate. The Nomination Committee will contact Steven to determine his interest in Chair Officer Position.

7. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (Review, Discussion, Selection) – All Board Members

Sarah May, lead staff, gave an overview of the grant review and selection process. "Conflict of Interest" forms were discussed, signed and returned. AB2 received eleven (11) grant proposals. Prior to this meeting, staff reviewed each grant for compliance with the application instructions and prepared an information packet for on proposal that included: Applicant Information; Amount Requested; Attachment Verification; Project Summary; 1 page Budget; Technical Review; and, Rating Sheet.

Proposal packets were passed out and previewed. Each grant was discussed, questions answered and input given. Board Members then began independent review and rating of each grant, with assistance as requested.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Robin Keehn, *Executive Director*

A. Activity Update Robin referred to her current activities and projects found in the packet. She discussed the successful 2nd NCSBA sponsored Town Hall meeting on April 29th in

Chico with Jean Ross of the Ca. Budget Project, a local legislator and business person from Butte County.

B. June Special Meeting Update Robin reviewed agenda for the June 23-24, 2011 joint Board Meeting with FNRC in Anderson. She reviewed schedule, plans and process.

C. Other Robin reminded Board Members who plan to attend People First of California Conference in June, 2011 to review and sign necessary paperwork.

9. RECESS 4:25 P.M. UNTIL 9:00A.M. FRIDAY AT OXFORD SUITES IN CHICO

1. CALL TO ORDER – May 13, 2011 – 9:01a.m. - Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

A. Introductions – All introduced themselves.

B. Announcements – Sarah gathered hotel receipts and paperwork with signatures. Rosie requested her name be added to the slate for Chair Position. Larry provided Board members with the latest CN&R publication highlighting an article about autism.

C. Public Input – None.

2. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (Review, Discussion, Selection) – Sarah May, *CPSII*

Grant review and rating continued until all Members were done. Rating sheets were collected and scores were totaled. The final scores and ranking of grants was presented and the Board unanimously celebrated the four (4) highest ranked selection of: “FOCUS on Community Development” - FNRC’s FOCUS Film Festival; “Work Safe & Self Advocacy” - Glenn Co. Business Education Council; “Journey to Adulthood” - Rowell Family Empowerment of No. Ca. “Wheelchair Basketball Program” - The Sunshine Connection. The request for funding for these four grants exceeded the \$35K total.

MOTION – That staff review budgets of selected grants and contact applicants with proposed reductions to total \$35K.

M/S/C – S. Concklin/V. Mertens/Passed Unanimously

3. FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER – Laura Larson, *Executive Director*

Laura reviewed and discussed California’s budget shortfall, as well as, the Governor’s proposal to balance the budget with ½ cuts and ½ tax extensions. She noted DDS held forums, sent survey’s and worked with 8 topic oriented workgroups. These workgroups included individuals with developmental disabilities, families, services providers, regional centers, unions, and advocates to look for ways to save money. She the reviewed in detail each of the 13 DDS proposals to save the \$174 million in projected cuts to our system and expressed frustration with a lack of “tools” to achieve these budget reductions. Two years ago, Trailer Bill language was adopted which suspended and/or cut Regional Center’s Purchase of Service (POS) authority. This budget has no such tools and refers to “Best Practices”. Cut are also being made to Regional Center “Operation’s” budget, while at the same time, requiring increased staff workload in waiver paperwork and program accountability.

4. COMMUNITY PROGRAM SPECIALIST II REPORT – Sarah May, *CPSII*

A. Community Outreach Report Sarah referred to current activities and projects found in the packet including Quality Assurance Project (NCI) update, DAT, SCCC projects, Advocacy Networking Meeting projects, and community outreach activities. Sarah also reported her activities around PDG assistance and community contacts.

B. Advocacy Projects Sarah reviewed advocacy cases and successful outcomes.

5. ADJOURN – 10:55 a.m. – Next Meeting – June 23-24, 2011 – Gaia Hotel in Anderson